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THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly:

I welcome you in Our Sovereign's Name to this Opening of the Second Session of the 54th General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia.

My Government was proud to host the inaugural **First Ministers' Conference on the Economy** held at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax last November.

The commitment to annual First Ministers' Conferences by the Government of Canada is a positive initiative to improve federal-provincial relations, by providing a forum for the provinces to work in harmony with the Government of Canada to achieve within our Confederation a balance and fairness among the different regions of Canada.

My Government was honoured to host the first **Provincial Conference on the Economy – Meeting the Challenge of Change.** The participation and co-operation of representatives from business, labour and government was a major contribution to the success of this conference. These representatives, working together, made substantive recommendations with regard to future development of our province.

Since our last Assembly, our province was honoured by the visits of a number of outstanding citizens of the world. In June, Nova Scotians welcomed His Royal Highness The Prince Andrew. In May, the Prime Minister of Ireland, The Right Honourable Garrett Fitzgerald, visited our province.

Also in May, Nova Scotians warmly welcomed Her Excellency The Governor General of Canada, The Right Honourable Jeanne Sauve. In September we were honoured by the presence in our province of the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan of the Province of Canterbury.

My Government was saddened by the death in 1985 of four former Members of this House:

- The Honourable Stephen T. Pyke represented Cumberland Centre from 1953 until 1968 and was a distinguished member of the Executive Council from 1956 until 1968. He later served with distinction as Chairman of the Nova Scotia Workers' Compensation Board.

- Mr. Russell Cunningham represented Cape Breton East from 1945 until 1956 and was Leader of the Official Opposition from 1945 until 1949.

- His Honour Judge George M. Morrison represented Cape Breton South from 1937 until 1941 and later served as a distinguished jurist in our province for three decades.

- Mr. Victor N. Thorpe, Q.C., represented Kings North from 1967 until 1974 with distinction.

Last summer, Nova Scotians and numerous visitors from other countries and provinces, shared with us in the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy.

My Government congratulates the Royal Canadian Legion on the celebration of its 60th Anniversary Year.

My Government congratulates:

- the **Town of Kentville**, which this year celebrates the 100th Anniversary of its incorporation as a town;

- The **Towns of Dominion and Stewiacke**, which celebrate their 80th Anniversaries of incorporation;

- the **Town of Trenton**, which celebrates the 75th Anniversary of its incorporation this year; and

- the **City of Dartmouth** on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of its date of incorporation as a city.

My Government extends best wishes to **Agriculture Canada** on the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the excellent agricultural experimental farm in Nappan.

My Government extends congratulations to **The Charitable Irish Society of Halifax**, which will be celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. The contribution of Irish traditions has always been a vital ingredient in the development of Nova Scotia's distinctive culture.

My Government is pleased to extend best wishes to **The Saint George's Society of Halifax**, which will also be celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. The Saint George's Society of Halifax is the oldest Saint George's Society in the Commonwealth and has contributed greatly to the development of our province.

My Government is pleased to extend a sincere welcome to participants in the **North Atlantic Council Ministerial Meeting (NATO)** taking place in Halifax May 28th – 30th.

My Government is pleased with the progress of plans to locate **The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia** in the Dominion building in downtown Halifax.

My Government extends a warm welcome to the participants in the **World Junior Curling Championships** which will be hosted at the Sportsplex in Dartmouth March 16th – 20th.

PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES

Job opportunities for Nova Scotians is the number one priority of my Government. Our people are our greatest resource.

The key to the challenge of creating job opportunities in this new era of information and technology – where change is predominant – is to build an intellectual infrastructure. The scope of the infrastructure shall be capable of providing our people with information and new technology so that, working together, their creativity will be utilized to create a better Nova Scotia.

Progress for Nova Scotia through job opportunities and economic growth are the strategic economic development goals of my Government. During this Session, in working to achieve these goals, my Government will emphasize the implementation of policies and action programs in eight priority areas:

1. **Economic Development** – To optimize our people and capital resources by implementing a new economic development delivery structure which will support key Nova Scotia industries.

2. **Small Business** – The force of future new job opportunities in the Nova Scotia economy will be supported by a series of positive initiatives in support of small business.

3. **Human Resources Development and Training** – My Government will respond to the issue of preparing Nova Scotians for job opportunities by implementing policies, the strategic objective of which is to ensure that our people have the necessary skills for the future.

4. **Housing** – Last year our Province had the greatest number of housing starts per capita in Canada. Housing is a social necessity and housing construction is a major job creator. To support these objectives, my Government will be introducing a variety of measures to support housing starts in Nova Scotia with particular emphasis on accommodation for:

- senior citizens;
- disabled persons;
- students;
- low income families; and
- single parents.

5. **Tourism** – This industry is a major dynamic growth industry, employing 28,000 Nova Scotians directly and indirectly, with the potential for creating many new opportunities for jobs. My Government will be asking you to support action programs to increase development and job creation in the tourism industry.

6. **Forestry** – To ensure the highest quality forest resource by implementing the new forest policy, which will result in a better, more productive forest, providing increased job opportunities, an improved natural habitat for our wildlife, and greater opportunies for Nova Scotians to enjoy this resource.

7. **Energy** – Our energy sources of coal, water, natural gas and wood are indigenous resources which will continue to provide major opportunities for direct and indirect jobs. My Government will be implementing action programs for the better utilization of these resources with particular emphasis on using coal to generate thermal power.

8. **Health, Education, Social Services and Construction** – The delivery of health, education, social services and other programs which enhance our way of life requires an on-going program of maintaining existing facilities and the building of new facilities. My Government will continue to proceed with a planned program of construction and maintenance of hospitals, schools, social housing, highways and related facilities. This program in the public sector will be of significant benefit to the Nova Scotia construction industry which is a major generator of jobs for Nova Scotians.

My Government will also seek your support for new initiatives with regard to:

- home care,
- senior citizens;
- pensions;
- education;
- social services.

You will also be asked to give consideration to initiatives for:

- agriculture;
- fisheries;
- mining.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMY

The Nova Scotia economy moved into recovery well in advance of the rest of Canada and is predicted to maintain steady growth. Key economic indicators show that the Nova Scotia economy is performing solidly.

Economic performance was led by the fisheries, construction and retail sectors, which posted the greatest growth last year.

Fisheries is one of the strongest sectors of the provincial economy, experiencing a growth in the area of 7% based largely on the improved international markets.

The level of activity in the construction sector is up 15% representing an estimated value in excess of $4.5 billion to the province.

The third area of strength is in the retail service sector of the economy. This sector posted an encouraging increase of 13.5% over the previous year. This figure indicates increased personal disposable income available to Nova Scotians.

The manufacturing sector grew by 4%, a substantial figure which reflects an increase in employment in this sector. Nova Scotia also posted gains in export trade in 1985.

AN OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS FOR NOVA SCOTIANS

Challenging economic times have not lessened my Government's commitment to Nova Scotians to provide quality health care, education and a full spectrum of social services.

Maintaining and strengthening these services, which are available to all Nova Scotians, is an integral part of my Government's plan.

For fiscal year 1985-1986, my Government is spending more than two billion dollars to provide health, education and social service programs; a substantial increase over 1978-79.

- **Health Care**: In 1978-79, my Government spent three hundred and fifty-five million dollars. In 1985-86, that figure will be closer to seven hundred and eighty million dollars;

- **Education**: In 1978-79, my Government spent three hundred and seventy-six million dollars. In 1985-86, that figure will be seven hundred and sixty-four million dollars;

- **Universities:** In 1978-79, my Government contributed less than one hundred million dollars to university education. In 1985-86, that contribution will be over one hundred and seventy-eight million dollars;

- **Social Services:** In 1978-79, my Government spent one hundred and thirty-three million dollars. In 1985-86, social program spending will total at least two hundred and ninety-four million dollars.

Helping our senior citizens maintain their independence remains an important goal of my Government. To this end, my Government reaffirms its commitment to a broad range of senior citizens programs among which are the following:

- property tax rebates;

- rental assistance plans;

- annual supplement payment;

- homemakers and home life support programs;

- home repair programs;

- Pharmacare program;

- homes for special care.

These expenditures are considerable and reflect the high priority my Government places on services for our people.

As more women are entering the labour market, my Government has responded with an expanded focus on day care. The subsidized per diem rate for day care has been increased each year by my Government, and the number of day care places available has grown significantly.

I turn now to my Government's program of action:

Economic Development:

Nova Scotia is the centre of higher education in Atlantic Canada.

My Government recognizes the necessity for the co-ordination and utilization of our enormous technological and scientific potential to benefit humanity and to generate job opportunities for Nova Scotians.

Information and technology is a world economic opportunity and our province accepts the challenge presented by this new era. Now is the time for increasing synergism among our students, educators and leaders of business and labour. My Government will be introducing policies and developing programs to ensure that Nova Scotians have the employment opportunities as North America enters this new age.

As a beginning step, my Government will be creating within the Nova Scotia Research Foundation the **Nova Scotia Council of Applied Science and Technology**. This Council, composed of students, educators, and leaders from business and labour, working together with government, will have the mandate to identify, co-ordinate, priorize and implement strategies in relation to science, information and technological development, so as to enhance job opportunities.

Progress for Nova Scotians through job opportunities and economic growth are the strategic economic development goals of my Government. The active involvement of Nova Scotians in the process to achieve these goals is vital.

In this new era of information and technology, to maximize the resourcefulness of our people, better co-ordinate existing institutions, enhance delivery of services, and to achieve our strategic economic development goals, my Government will be developing a new economic development structure. This structure will be composed of two entities:

1. **The Nova Scotia Entrepreneurial Growth Board**; and,

2. **The Nova Scotia Business Capital Corporation.**

The Board, comprised of regional Boards, will be the means to provide co-ordinated participation from the community level to the Ministerial level to meet the challenge of providing opportunities for Nova Scotians.

The Corporation will be empowered to do the things necessary for the raising and use of capital both as debt and equity to facilitate business financing and so promote business growth and resulting job opportunities. Through this Corporation the tourism industry will have a tourism loan component. This initiative to service the capital needs of Nova Scotia businesses through a single source was a recommendation of the Special Committee on Business Assistance programs. This Corporation will replace the functions provided by Industrial Estates Limited, the Nova Scotia Resource Development Board and the Venture Capital Board.

The service sector of the Nova Scotia economy accounts for approximately 271,000 direct and indirect jobs, representing 83% of total employment in our province. Small business, defined as a business of no more than fifty employees is the force for future growth in the Nova Scotia economy.

My Government is committed to working with Nova Scotia small businesses to encourage their continued growth as major employers of Nova Scotians.

My Government's commitments to small business will be enhanced by means of action programs including:

- **Small Business Service Centres;**
- Implementation of a **Government Procurement Strategy;**
- **Entrepreneurial training programs;** and,
- **Managerial training programs.**

Human Resources Development and Training:

To meet the challenge of providing new job opportunities in Nova Scotia – resulting from rapid changes in the world marketplace – we must ensure the Nova Scotia workforce is prepared through training and re-training. To focus our Government's efforts in this regard, the new **Department of Human Resources Development and Training** has been established as recommended by the Provincial Conference on the Economy.

My Government recognizes the importance of trades, technical and technological training to individuals and business in Nova Scotia. My Government, therefore, is closely examining the delivery of this training in the context of the development of a **Community College System** in Nova Scotia, incorporating the existing trade, technical and vocational schools, into this new system. Issues to be addressed in the development of this system include:

- making the system operational throughout the year;
- making courses of study and training available on a modular basis;
- extending the number of hours the schools and institutes operate each day;
- enhancing co-operative and work experience education and training opportunities;
- developing a tiered approach to training so that the student may move from vocational to technical to university education.

My Government is committed to being responsive to the needs and concerns of youth. As a means of strengthening communications for the development of more effective programs, a **Youth Advisory Council** will be established in the Youth Initiatives Office of the Department of Human Resources Development and Training. This Council will provide, from business, labour, industry, education, volunteers and young Nova Scotians, valued advice on matters relating to the improvement of our youth programs.

By these initiatives, my Government will be making a positive investment in the future knowledge capital of Nova Scotia by:

- helping young Nova Scotians in making well informed career decisions;
- providing skill training opportunities; and
- assisting them in finding job opportunities.

Housing:

In 1985, Nova Scotia had the greatest number of new housing starts per capita of all the provinces.

The housing goal of my Government is the construction of 5,000 accommodation units in addition to the private market forecast of 35,000 units over the next five years. This means 40,000 new units in the private and public sector in that period. These 5000 units, including more than 1,000 for 1986, will provide accommodation for our senior citizens, students, disabled persons, low income families and single parents. In achieving this goal we look forward to the maximum co-operation of the Government of Canada, municipal governments and church and community groups. These major initiatives will also result in job opportunities for many thousands of Nova Scotians.

Tourism:

Nova Scotia is unique in its combination of history, geography and people. This combination has resulted in a diverse cultural heritage which lives on in our communities, our ethnic traditions, our historic sites, our museums and our cultural enterprise. My Government is dedicated to building our tourism industry on this heritage.

Among the tourism action programs to be implemented by my Government is a new marketing strategy consisting of two major thrusts:

1. **a focused marketing theme** on the promotion of Nova Scotia festivals and cultural events over the next five years. This initiative will enable the private sector and the regional tourist associations to develop their advertising programs in conjunction with this theme;

2. **co-ordinated regional tourism marketing strategies** emphasizing the unique characteristics and attractions offered by the regions of our province will be developed.

The objectives of this new marketing strategy are:

- to position Nova Scotia in the tourism marketplace and heighten the awareness of Nova Scotia as an attractive and safe tourist destination;

- to increase travel in Nova Scotia by people from outside our province; and

- to encourage Nova Scotians to **See Nova Scotia First.**

The World Trade and Convention Centre provides a world-class facility to attract conventions and, through the extended stay and travel of conventioneers, supports tourism in many parts of our province. My Government will aggressively promote the World Trade and Convention Centre in the national and international convention markets.

Among the other specific promotions to be undertaken by my Government to further enhance opportunities for jobs in the tourism industry are:

- promotion of the **Nova Scotia Tattoo** in co-operation with Maritime Command, as a tourism family attraction;
- extensive marketing of the **1987 Gathering of the Clans**;
- using the **1987 Canada Winter Games** for the promotion of winter tourism activities;
- maximizing the advantages of Nova Scotia's sailing ambassador, **Bluenose II**.

My Government values the importance of the private sector partnership in the planning and development of our tourism resources. As a means of making this partnership more responsive to tourists, a **Minister's Tourism Advisory Council** will be established.

Strengthening our tourism industry with greater opportunities for jobs will demand that the quality of service be the best in the marketplace. To this end, my Government, in co-operation with the tourism industry and the Nova Scotia Hospitality Institute will develop a **program of tourism on-the-job training**.

Forestry:

You will be asked to consider legislation implementing the **New Forest Policy** announced earlier this month. This policy will result in:

- a more productive forest providing for the maintenance of existing jobs and the creation of new jobs for Nova Scotians;
- ensuring the continued recreational use of our forest;
- improving the habitat for the 250 species of wildlife that inhabit our forests;
- preserving the environmental quality of our province.

My Government will be introducing, in co-operation with the Federal Government, programs to assist landowners in improving productivity and management of their woodlands. This policy will include an aggressive new marketing program for Nova Scotia forest products.

Our Environment:

My Government will continue to take steps to build on Nova Scotia's diverse natural habitat to protect the unique environment that makes this province an excellent place in which to live and raise one's family.

My Government will institute additional strategies to develop our natural environment, as well as to improve our nature trails and develop canoe routes.

The Department of Lands and Forests is completing development of a park at the site of the historic 1936 Moose River Mine disaster. This facility will be officially opened this year.

The Department of Lands and Forests will continue expansion of the park facilities specifically constructed for disabled people and senior citizens at Lewis Lake, Halifax County.

Energy:

Coal, our largest proven energy source, continues to play a major role in our energy mix. We are continuing our efforts to increase the demand for our coal, both locally and abroad, through the promotion of new technologies such as fluidized bed combustion, coal-water mixtures and coal liquefaction. The focus of coal development will continue to be Cape Breton, Pictou County and Cumberland County.

We are developing a strategic action plan with regard to thermal power generating capacity in order that our province will meet the expected energy demands of Nova Scotians from now until the end of this century. This will result in a substantial increase in construction activity and in increased job opportunities for Nova Scotians.

Nova Scotia offshore oil and gas exploration and development work is proceeding and continues to provide jobs for Nova Scotians and new business for Nova Scotia firms.

The recent natural gas discovery in the Nova Scotia offshore area by Shell Canada Limited has created significant new interest by oil companies in the potential of our resource.

My Government confidently looks forward to the next stage of the development of the first offshore project and is now awaiting the decision of the regulatory bodies in Canada and the United States.

My Government is looking forward to the successful conclusion of the negotiations with the Government of Canada to improve the management and revenue sharing mechanisms in the existing Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Agreement.

My Government is pleased with the success of the experimental tidal power project on the Annapolis River. This facility contributes 20 megawatts of generating capacity to the overall demand of the provincial system. Planning continues for the anticipated development of a major tidal power project on the Minas Basin, based on the knowledge and experience gathered through the Annapolis project.

My Government is aggressively pursuing the alternative energy sources of wood chips and biomass. The innovative use of these fuels is being encouraged and will be used in some of our public institutions.

Health, Education, Social Services and Construction:

The construction industry is a sector of the Nova Scotia economy which provides a high number of economic spin-offs for Nova Scotians. My Government is committed to providing public works to service the needs of Nova Scotians and at the same time maintain a balanced level of activities in the construction industry. Among construction initiatives planned by my Government are the following:

- **Health**: My Government is taking major initiatives to maintain and enhance health care facilities and delivery. Phase One of a long-term, planned program of hospital construction announced last year has now commenced. This will result in the creation, directly and indirectly, of 4600 jobs for Nova Scotians. This program will include the construction of hospitals in Antigonish, Kentville, Bridgewater and Halifax, where the Halifax Infirmary and the Grace Maternity Hospital require replacement. Needed capital improvements will be made to hospitals in New Glasgow, Dartmouth and at the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre in Halifax. The Glace Bay General Hospital will be officially opened this year.

- **Homes for Special Care:** My Government continues to implement its program of delivering necessary services to our senior citizens and disabled people by providing funding for homes for special care. Initiatives approved or completed by my Government in this area include:

  - the new Sainte Anne's Community and Nursing Care Centre in Arichat;
  - a new Home for the Aged in Neil's Harbour;
  - a new Home for the Aged in Guysborough;
  - a new Home for the Aged in Canso;
  - a new Annapolis County Adult Residential Centre;
  - replacement of the Gardiner Centre facility in Cape Breton County;
  - capital improvements to homes for special care in several locations in the province.

- **Education:** The year 1986 will see the construction of nineteen schools throughout Nova Scotia. These projects are being built under the direction of the Department of Government Services. This major construction initiative will create many hundreds of jobs for Nova Scotians.

PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE

Home Care:

My Government already provides significant health and non-health services to senior citizens and disabled Nova Scotians in their homes. My Government has designated an inter-departmental committee composed of the Deputy Ministers of Health, Housing and Social Services to co-ordinate a comprehensive home care program for Nova Scotians. This committee will further involve the Senior Citizens' Secretariat, the Senior Citizens' Commission, and appropriate volunteer, church, community and disabled persons organizations. The committee will report to Government at the earliest appropriate date.

Senior Citizens:

My Government will establish a program entitled **Seniors Helping Seniors.** Through this program, volunteer senior citizen counsellors throughout the province will:

- provide information to other senior citizens on available programs and services;
- assist with transportation requirements;
- provide emotional support in times of crises;
- and make friendly visits as well as assist in developing community services for people.

To simplify access to services, my Government will issue a Senior Citizens Benefit Card. This card will indicate to the bearer of the card those Provincial Government services which are available to senior citizens.

Pension Reform:

My Government participated with the Government of Canada and the other provinces in a significant series of meetings resulting in a majority consensus leading to pension reforms. These include portable pensions, better benefits for women, and a fairer pension system. My Government will accordingly introduce legislation to effect changes in private pension plans, designed to:

- increase the effectiveness, fairness and accessibility of private pensions;
- provide better pensions for women and survivor benefits;
- be affordable to employees and employers; and
- improve vesting rights and portability.

Women:

My Government will continue to strengthen the resources of government agencies specifically involved in improving the status of Nova Scotia women.

As announced by my Government at the First Ministers' Conference in Halifax in November, a monitoring and review agency is being established to report on participation levels of women in the Nova Scotia Civil Service, as well as on Government Boards and Commissions, and job creation, training and retraining programs. My Government intends to use the report to provide greater recognition of, and opportunities for, the contribution of women to Nova Scotia life and progress.

Education:

My Government is determined to continue to pursue excellence in education.

My Government is committed to maintaining Nova Scotia's highly coveted position as a world-respected centre of higher education. To ensure excellence at all levels of education, my Government will continue to listen to students, parents and educators and to continually assess the need for change and updating of the system.

Post Secondary Education:

Last December, the Royal Commission on Post Secondary Education submitted its report and recommendations with regard to post secondary education in Nova Scotia to my Government. My Government intends to listen deliberately to interested Nova Scotians over the coming months in assessing the Report.

Basic Education:

The importance of education to the future of our children and this province cannot be over-estimated. With rapid changes and advances in the technological and industrial world, we must ensure that Nova Scotia graduates are well prepared to meet the challenges of a highly competitive and ever-changing world.

My Government is pleased to report that the **Advisory Committee on the Public School Program** has been appointed and will be providing the Minister of Education with advice on school programs, reflecting the views of a broad spectrum of interested and informed individuals and groups.

Social Services:

A Task Force has scheduled hearings throughout the province this year to provide an opportunity for concerned Nova Scotians to discuss and make known their views on all aspects of family and childrens' services. The Task Force Report will be widely distributed and will form the basis of the first-ever **Nova Scotia Conference on the Family** in 1987.

The In-Home Support Program for adults is continuing to expand to assist family members to maintain their aged or disabled relatives at home.

An Employment Program for 1100 recipients of Municipal and Provincial Social Assistance was operated successfully during the current fiscal year. This program reduced the caseloads and costs and enabled many trainees to move to more rewarding employment.

A media campaign on wife battering has been initiated to heighten public awareness of this social problem and to help prevent its incidence.

A Transition House providing shelter for battered women and their children has been approved for the South Shore of the Province. This will be the sixth transition house in our province.

My Government has provided an on-going funding formula for the Black United Front and the Black Cultural Centre.

My Government is concerned about the high unemployment rate of black Nova Scotians. My Government will expand upon initiatives that will address the basic issues facing our black citizens. These initiatives will, in the beginning, focus on education, training and housing.

My Government has entered into agreement and will provide seventy-five percent funding for a three-year demonstration project to provide attendant care in their homes for disabled persons who would otherwise require placement in a Home for Special Care.

My Government is pleased with the negotiations among federal, provincial and territorial governments and expects shortly to sign an improved Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Agreement.

My Government will introduce legislation to establish a Provincial Building Code, adopting the current National Building Code of Canada, and to be administered by municipal units. Such a uniform building code will result in quality design and construction practices and accessibility for disabled persons.

Agriculture:

My Government will be introducing legislation establishing the **Right to Farm** for farmers in Nova Scotia.

My Government will continue its support for the developing grain industry in the province and plans further improvements to the facilities at the Middleton Grain Centre.

My Government intends to negotiate a new Agricultural Development Agreement with the Government of Canada for the agricultural industry of Nova Scotia.

Construction will be completed this year on the six million, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollar Animal Science Building at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

My Government will continue its development of the Fort Lawrence Marsh near Amherst, making an additional 1600 acres available for agricultural production.

Fisheries:

My Government will continue to work with industry and the Federal Government to ensure that the best interests of our fishermen are protected both during the current countervail action and in future negotiations which might affect these interests.

My Government will continue to press the Federal Government for increased access by Nova Scotia fishermen to both our traditional and non-traditional stocks.

Steps will be taken towards further development of Nova Scotia's aquaculture program.

My Government will continue policy initiatives to assist the Nova Scotia fishery, including new product development support and marketing support in Canada and abroad.

My Government will continue to enhance the trout stocking program in our lakes and streams. Additional hatchery capacity will be added which will enable this program to be increased from one million fingerlings annually to 1.3 million. This will enhance the Nova Scotia sport fishery.

Mining:

The Mining and Mineral Sector continues to grow with gypsum production reaching an all-time high in 1985. Recent studies have indicated that Nova Scotia's potential for mineral development is the best in Canada.

North America's only primary tin mine at East Kemptville began production in October, 1985 and will produce annually an amount of tin equal to Canada's total yearly consumption.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

You will be asked to consider a **Personal Property Security Act** which will result in the establishment of a central registry for all chattel mortgages in Nova Scotia, including motor vehicle liens.

You will be asked to pass legislation to provide a **Motor Vehicle Extended Warranty Act.**

You will be asked to enact legislation to regulate the use of all-terrain vehicles in the province.

You will be asked to consider legislation to enable more effective control of the storage and use of dangerous goods and storage and disposal of hazardous waste.

My Government will initiate, in partnership with labour and business, a study into the feasibility of establishing a **Nova Scotia Industrial Relations Centre.** Action for this initiative flows from the recommendations of the provincial conference on the economy.

You will be asked to consider amendments to various **Public Acts.**

The Public Accounts for the year ended 1985 will be presented for your consideration, as well as Estimates for the fiscal year to begin April 1, 1986.

To these and all other matters which may come before you, I ask your most careful attention, praying that sound judgement and divine providence may guide you in all your deliberations and decisions.

God Save The Queen;

God Bless Nova Scotia;

God Bless Canada.